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A REAL JOB.

Sir John Macdonald once said that Canada is not an easy country to govern, and he had some reason for saying it. Governor Walton of Okanagan would probably object that Sir John did not know when he had an easy job. From present developments it rather looks as though the militant Governor will have to jolt the Legislature and surprise the newspapers before he really gets down to the business of rounding up the Klan Klan.

OVER-DOING IT.

Over-confidence, it is said, wrecked the U.S. destroyer squadron on the California coast. The navigating officers were certain that they were right, and that the radio station on shore was giving them a wrong course. "Be sure you're right, then go ahead" is a good motto, but it can be construed too literally when the fog is thick and rocks are at hand. Caution is applicable even to seamanship, but it does not seem to be applied in any conspicuous way when a dozen vessels go tearing through the water close to shore in weather so thick that an officer on the bridge cannot see the nose of his ship. In practice it is folly to take them.

MILLIONS FOR THE ASKING.

An issue of Dominion bonds, amounting to fifty million dollars, has been sold to a Canadian syndicate, at a price said to be better than the recent railway loan negotiated in New York. When a transaction of that magnitude can be put through with little or attempt at publicity it is evident that the days of small things have gone as far as the national financiers are concerned. In pre-war days it would have taken months of preliminary advertising to make a sale of that dimension "go." And that the issue was taken up by Canadian financiers ought to help dispel the notion that the country is in a bad way. Fifty million dollar loans cannot be floated off-hand in a community of eight million people who are hard up. Canadians are a good deal better off than they seem to want to allow themselves to think.

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The question for decision is whether the project will be carried on with a membership representing about 45 per cent of last year's wheat land and rather less than that percentage of the present season's crop area. On that point the directors declared themselves in the affirmative at the close of the drive, though the declaration was rather qualified by Mr. Wood's forecast that the additional acreage required would be secured later. That expectation having failed, it is to be supposed that the situation will be reviewed in light of that less than half the wheat-growers have agreed to do business through the pool. Mr. Sapiro seemed to be quite positive on the point that a selling agency of the kind could not be operated satisfactorily with less than half the crop in control. The Grain Growers' Guide evidently shares his opinion in that matter, as it says the Saskatchewan pool project will be dropped, and that to go on with the Alberta enterprise in the circumstances would be a "gigantic" undertaking. Meantime the promoters of the Alberta pool have returned to Winnipeg, presumably to negotiate further with the elevator owners and the banks. There is room to suspect that they have really gone to arrange for the formal obsequies of the much-heralded scheme, and that its abandonment will be announced, with what explanation seems best, in due course.

The substance of Saturday's report from Calgary is that the majority of Alberta wheat-growers do not want the pool and will not sign away their liberty of action for the five-year period. Camouflaged as it may be, that is what the continued failure to secure the fixed percentage of signatures amounts to. It must be apparent to all concerned that to proceed with the venture in such circumstances would be exceedingly difficult, that the costs of operation would be disproportionately heavy upon the members, that the chances of making profits would be accordingly reduced and that the consequences of miscalculation would be serious to the minority who have agreed to stake the results of their year's labor upon a speculation in which it was thought most of the wheat-producers would join. No doubt to abandon the project, after all the high hopes which have been encouraged from it, would be disappointing to many growers. But the directors could scarcely be blamed for declining to take the responsibility of going on with a scheme that has not secured the endorsement of the percentage of farmers declared to be necessary to success.

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